

REMARKS

Claims 3-13 and 16-19 are pending in the application.

By the foregoing Amendment, claims 5, 7-11, and 17-19 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

These changes are believed not to introduce new matter, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections, and withdraw them.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his indication that claims 3, 4, 6, 12, 13, and 16 are allowable.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

On page 2 of the Office Action, claim 7 was rejected under section 101. This rejection is overcome by the proposed cancellation of claim 7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 5, 7-11, and 17-19 were rejected under section 112, paragraph 2. This rejection is overcome by the proposed cancellation of claims 5, 7-11, and 17-19.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 5, 7-11, and 17-19 were rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Geddes et al in view of Itonaga et al. This rejection is overcome by the proposed cancellation of claims 5, 7-11, and 17-19.

Entry of Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116

Entry of this amendment pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116 is believed to be in order because the amendments consist of the cancellation of rejected claims.

Conclusion

All rejections have been complied with, properly traversed, or rendered moot. Thus, it now appears that the application is in condition for allowance. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative so that this case may receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Entry of this amendment, and favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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